

**GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**Board Meeting – Monday June 14, 2010**  
**District Business Office**

**TO:** Dr. Mike Riggle  
 Hillarie Siena

**FROM:** Kimberly Ptak

**DATE:** June 14, 2010

**RE:** **DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TAXI BID**

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Education award a 1-year contract with an option to renew for 2 additional 1-year terms at an increase not to exceed 2%/year for special education taxi services to the following vendors:

	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Est. Spend</u>	<u>After State Reimb.*</u>
Regular Taxi Cab Service	American Taxi	\$205,000	\$61,500
Medi-Van Service	303 Taxi	\$450,000	\$135,000

\* The district receives 70-75% state reimbursement for special education transportation.

**Background**

In accordance with each student's individualized education plan (IEP), the District provides transportation to qualified students as assigned by the Special Ed department. Students are transported to the Glenbrook buildings (GBN, GBS and off-campus) along with approximately 20 other school locations and work centers within and outside the school district boundaries.

Due to a variety of student needs, the district requires lift buses, regular cabs and medi-vans for their transportation. The district historically has spent the following on special education transportation –

Lift Buses	Septran	\$250,000	Bid by NSSED
Regular Taxi Cabs	American	\$205,000	Included in Current Bid
Medi-Vans	303 Taxi	<u>\$450,000</u>	Included in Current Bid
		\$905,000 total	

Of the \$905,000 historically spent, the district receives 70-75% in state reimbursement, resulting in a net cost of approximately \$270,000.

**Bid Results**

For bidding purposes, the district received rates for both standard taxis and medi-vans. Rates received were based on zones within the school district boundaries as well as rates to specific locations within and outside the school district boundaries.

The lowest bidder for standard taxis was Citi-Care Transportation. Citi-Care offered prices approximately 15-20% lower than American Taxi. We are not recommending Citi-Care. Citi-Care was awarded a bid by the district 4 years ago and, due to numerous issues with late taxis, taxis not showing, the use of unmarked vehicles to pick up students, insurance issues, pricing issues and overall integrity issues, the district terminated their contract after 2 months of service and went with the next lowest bidder at the time – American Taxi. In addition to our negative previous experience with Citi-Care, I called two of Citi-Care's references and did not receive favorable feedback.

After Citi-Care, our current taxi cab vendor, American Taxi, had the lowest rates for regular taxi cab services. The estimated annual contract is \$205,000 which is consistent with our current pricing. 303 Taxi, our current medi-van vendor had the lowest rates for medi-vans. The estimated annual contract is \$450,000 which is consistent with our current pricing.